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In another important specification change, the Outrigger Canoe Club announced for their Waikiki Ocean Paddleboard Race on Dec. 30 the single-board class will have only two requirements—a maximum over-all length of 12 feet and no rudder allowable.

The reason for the early announcement, according to an OCC spokesman, is to allow competitors who are building new boards time to comply with the new regulations.

There is also no restriction on board design, material used, weight, dimensions (other than length), or shape. The 12-foot length was chosen because of its availability in foam blanks for home builders.

The length of the course has also been changed—to 10,000 meters (6.2 miles). The open ocean race will start and finish at Waikiki's San Souci Beach. For additional details, contact OCC.